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Mayor James Matayoshi
Rongelap Atoll Local Government Council
Republic of the Marshall Islands
P.O. Box 1766
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Dear Mayor Matayoshi:

This is to advise you of the acceptance of your two Rongelap nominees, Mr. Jackie P. Kijrik and Mr. Erickson Arelong, as candidates to receive training in whole body counting (WBC) at the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory (LLNL), California. The training course has been scheduled for the period September 7, 1999, through October 15, 1999.

All arrangements regarding the two trainees' arrival at LLNL should be coordinated with Dr. Terry Hamilton at LLNL. Dr. Hamilton's phone number is 925-422-6621, his facsimile number is 925-423-6785 and his E-mail address is hamilton18@llnl.gov.

We will finalize arrangements for the WBC training when you advise us that the Rongelap Local Government Council (RALGOV) has agreed to pay for the students' travel to and from LLNL, per diem and lodging while they are in the Livermore, California area, and to pay one-half of each trained technician's salary once Messrs. Kijrik and Arelong commence their WBC duties on Rongelap Island. The Department of Energy (DOE) will pay one-half of the salary for each person while they are receiving training at LLNL and while performing their duties on Rongelap Island (up to 20 hours per week), and the full cost of the training course. The agreed hourly rate is \$5.00/hour.

We contemplate that the two WBC technicians will return to the Marshall Islands during the week following completion of their training, and accompany LLNL personnel to Rongelap during DOE's fall environmental mission. Contingent upon RALGOV's completion of the planned WBC facility on Rongelap Island, LLNL will install the WBC, and ensure that it is fully operational and



that adequate communications links for data transmittal back to LLNL for analysis have been effected. Messrs. Kijrik and Arelong will participate in the installation, calibration and testing of the WBC, preparatory to commencing operation of the WBC facility.

Please advise whether these arrangements meet with RALGOV's approval.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Frank Hawkins', with a large, stylized flourish at the end.

Frank Hawkins, Director
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